

HOUSE No. 1681

By Ms. Candaras of Wilbraham, petition of Gale D. Candaras and Benjamin Swan relative to designating the Springfield Public Library as the library of last recourse for western Massachusetts and increasing state funding to said library. Tourism, Arts and Cultural Development.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Five.

AN ACT DESIGNATING THE SPRINGFIELD PUBLIC LIBRARY AS THE LIBRARY OF LAST RECOURSE FOR WESTERN MASSACHUSETTS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

- 1 Section 19C of chapter 78 of the General Laws, as appearing in
- 2 the 2000 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after
- 3 clause (4) the following clause:—
- 4 (4A) In addition to the sums provided in clause (3) the Spring-
- 5 field Public Library, as the library of last recourse for reference
- 6 and research services for the western regions of the Common-
- 7 wealth, shall be entitled to receive in state aide the sum of \$1.06
- 8 for each resident of western Massachusetts; consisting of the
- 9 counties of Hampden, Hampshire, Berkshire and Franklin.